



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 234 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 6, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 6, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through June 6, 2020 for the United States were 4.26 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,533	32,163	32,963	33,016	33,312	32,911
Arkansas	22,212	22,279	22,966	22,963	23,060	23,378
Delaware	3,547	4,962	4,976	5,120	5,056	5,007
Florida	1,100	1,163	1,163	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	34,075	33,746	34,324	33,968	34,334	34,257
Kentucky	7,061	7,652	7,659	6,989	6,536	7,494
Louisiana	3,107	3,093	3,244	3,365	3,486	3,410
Maryland	8,020	8,080	8,129	8,063	8,087	8,120
Mississippi	16,400	16,442	16,669	17,117	17,021	17,304
Missouri	8,425	9,022	8,958	9,102	9,069	9,070
North Carolina	22,914	23,769	21,381	24,787	24,081	24,744
Oklahoma	7,060	6,805	7,276	7,492	7,014	7,375
Pennsylvania	5,745	5,972	6,160	6,167	6,308	6,251
South Carolina	5,781	5,510	5,594	5,812	6,066	5,752
Texas	16,892	17,852	17,662	17,581	18,002	17,979
Virginia	5,867	6,184	6,017	6,367	6,425	6,381
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,900	12,282	12,873	12,789	13,090	12,456
Other States	11,207	11,823	11,367	11,450	11,748	11,360
United States	223,846	228,799	229,381	233,342	233,889	234,443
Percent of previous year	96	98	97	99	99	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,595	23,650	23,232	22,944	23,652	23,948
Arkansas	18,853	20,600	19,474	21,163	20,848	21,329
Delaware	3,191	3,453	3,263	4,687	4,865	4,955
Florida	1,442	1,325	1,295	1,183	1,341	1,331
Georgia	23,259	24,426	26,404	26,256	26,488	27,038
Kentucky	5,479	5,770	5,473	6,246	6,935	6,270
Louisiana	2,303	2,606	2,687	2,747	2,763	2,849
Maryland	2,780	4,921	5,134	4,225	4,699	5,448
Mississippi	13,258	13,862	13,998	13,849	14,028	14,088
Missouri	5,550	4,971	5,368	5,900	5,949	6,998
North Carolina	16,260	17,744	14,744	19,827	20,008	17,683
Oklahoma	4,705	4,431	4,286	3,430	3,757	3,255
Pennsylvania	4,391	4,441	4,569	4,176	4,390	4,429
South Carolina	4,607	5,297	4,607	5,075	4,475	4,857
Texas	13,140	14,338	14,202	13,889	14,457	14,388
Virginia	4,312	4,977	5,539	5,735	5,994	5,345
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,900	11,026	10,152	10,681	10,542	11,627
Other States	8,143	8,916	9,136	8,920	9,081	8,869
United States	164,168	176,754	173,563	180,933	184,272	184,707
Percent of previous year	87	93	91	96	97	97

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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